

#### City of San Diego

## KEVIN L. FAULCONER COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM – DISTRICT 2

# CARL DEMAIO CITY COUNCILMEMBER – DISTRICT 5

### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

May 5, 2010

TO:

Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst

Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney

FROM:

Councilmember Carl DeMaio

Council President Pro Tem Kevin L. Faulconer

RE:

Options for Achieving Cost Neutrality with Ninth Council District

In the upcoming June election, voters will consider whether to make the Strong Mayor-Strong Council form of government permanent. In the event that Proposition D is passed by voters, a ninth Council district will also be created in the redistricting process following the completion of the 2010 Census.

While there are one-time costs associated with outfitting a new Council office in the event a ninth district is created, there are also anticipated ongoing costs associated with staffing and operating an additional Council office.

### Requested Actions:

- 1. We request that the Independent Budget Analyst provide the City Council with an analysis of options available to make the creation of an additional Council district cost-neutral to city taxpayers.
- 2. We request that the City Attorney's office provide the City Council with a draft ordinance that would require cost neutrality be achieved through a reallocation of Council budgets to accommodate a ninth Council district. This ordinance could be considered by the full City Council following the June election in the event Proposition D is approved by voters.

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We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices with any questions.

cc: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers